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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Election Requirement dated **30 December, 2009** issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the **30 December, 2009** Office Action is due **30 January, 2010**. Since **30 January, 2010** falls out on a Saturday, a response is due the next business day, i.e. **01 February, 2010**. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

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The Examiner alleged that election of a single mean for breaking the attractive force or bond between the first set of molecules and the second set of molecules is required. Applicants disagree. Applicants assert that bond-breaking conditions serves for breaking the bonds between the first set of molecules and the second set of molecules. Applicants assert that the bond-breaking conditions encompasses related conditions and therefore a search does not pose a serious burden. Accordingly, the restriction is improper.

Applicants elect the condition of "by using a solution such as a solution having a high ionic strength"; the claims encompassing the elected condition are: 1, 40, 49, 50, 52, 57, 97, 106, 107, 109, 111, 112, 145, 146, 177-180, 182, 183, 215, 216, 246 and 247.

For the reasons above, it is respectfully asserted that this election requirement is improper, and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this response, the undersigned may be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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